Supply of Piped LPG in Uttar Pradesh

†4981. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a scheme regarding supply of LPG through pipe in the cities of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of those cities and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal with the Government to supply LPG to consumers through pipelines in the cities of Uttar Pradesh.

Project to produce Power Alcohol from Sugarcane

†4982. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake pilot projects to produce power alcohol from sugarcane to use as additive to motor fuels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technical feasibility and economic viability of these projects has been examined;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to sought technical help from the countries who are using alcohol as motor fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Government propose to take up pilot projects in UP and Maharashtra to ascertain the effects of using ethanol blended auto-fuel on the environment and to examine operational and financial aspects.

Punjab Refinery Project

4983. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Company has submitted the detailed feasibility report of 26th December, 1997 and if so, what is the status regarding clearance of feasibility report;

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